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17 June 1948

Lt. Col. Stephen J. Spingarn, MI-Reserve
Room 2000, Main Treasury Building
Treasury Department
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Spingarn:

Replying to your memorandum of 14 June, I cannot say exactly when I shall be in Chicago because I may go out a couple of days early to look over a few things. Consequently, if you will just retain a room (I have no need of a suite) for me in the Congress Hotel for Saturday morning, 7 August, that will be most satisfactory. As I said above, I may go out a few days earlier, or if I do not, I intend to leave Washington on the Capitol Limited at 4:30 pm, standard time, on 6 August, which train is due to arrive in Chicago at 7:15 am, standard time, on 7 August. It will not be necessary to have a reception committee meet me as, if I don't arrive until 7 August, I should like to spend an hour or so

If the reception committee could come to the hotel between 11 and 12 o'clock on 7 August, that would be fine, and I think it would save every one a lot of trouble.

I hope to be able to leave Chicago on the afternoon train at 4:15, standard time, on 7 August, in order to arrive back in Washington on Sunday, 8 August. Therefore, I shall only need the room for several hours to change clothing and get cleaned up.

Would you please inform me as to the uniform to be worn? Will it be Navy uniform or civilian clothes? Of course, I should prefer the latter, but will wear whatever is desired.

With very best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Rear Admiral, USN
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